Enquiry report on death of patients in G.B. Pant Hospital

3450. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert Committee of A.I.I.M.S. which was appointed to probe into the death of several patients in G.B. Pant Hospital on account of use of expired medicines has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has stated that they have submitted the report. The Delhi Police have informed that the report is being studied with the help of legal and medical experts. The investigation of the case is being monitored by the Hon'ble Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi.

Unauthorised Blood Banks

3451. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approved number of blood banks as on 30th June, 2000, State-wise, and the performance thereof by standard assessment, State-wise, for the past three years;

(b) the State-wise projection of blood requirement for the current year and Ninth Five Year Plan period and the steps taken to meet the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of unauthorized blood banks continue to operate to meet the growing requirement of blood in Nursing Homes/Hospitals; and

(d) the details of steps taken/proposed to check the alarming situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed (*See* below). Licenses to these blood banks have been given based on their performance.

Requirement of blood is based on demand for blood units from health institutions and as the demand increases, collection also would be augmented accordingly. However, for generating enough blood through voluntary blood donation programme, the Government of India have taken a number of steps such as media campaign through TV, AIR and newspaper; developing IEC material for one-to-one communication; observation of national Voluntary Blood Donation Day on 1st October every year; encouraging rational use of blood among clinicians and the launching of special campaigns to educate masses to support voluntary blood donations.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, to discourage any unauthorised blood bank cropping up, vigilance is being maintained by Drug Controllers of the States.

Statement

State-wise List of approved blood banks in the country as on 30th June, 2000

Sr. No.	States	No. of approved blood banks
1.	Andhra Pradesh	135
2.	A and N Island	2
3.	Assam	31
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
5.	Bihar	50
6.	Chandigarh	3
7.	Delhi	37
8.	Goa	6
9.	Gujarat	142
10.	Haryana	27
11.	Himachal Pradesh	12
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	11
13.	Karnataka	100
14.	Kerala	106
15.	Madhya Pradesh	78
16.	Maharashtra	234
17.	Meghalaya	2
18.	Manipur	3
19.	Mizoram	5
20.	Nagaland	3
21.	Orissa	55
22.	Pondicherry	7
23.	Punjab	52

Sr. No.	States	No. of approved blood banks
24.	Rajasthan	50
25.	Sikkim	1
26.	Tamilnadu	175
27.	Tripura	5
28.	U.P.	131
29.	W. Bengal	83
	TOTAL	1549

Common Seniority for Teaching Sub Cadres of CHS

3452. MISS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that common seniority is not prepared for teaching specialists sub-cadre of Central Health Service (CHS);

(b) whether it is not mandatory/obligatory to prepare an Annual Seniority List in all the service cadres of Government of India; and

(c) the reasons why the same is not being done for Teaching Specialists' Sub-Cadre of C.H.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The seniority of members of the Central Health Service is determined in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9 of the Central Health Service Rules, 1996. These rules do not provide for preparation of seniority list of officers annually.

Eradication of Polio

3453. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target date for eradication of Polio from the country?

(b) if so, the details thereof;